



ABRAM HATCH
Successful merchant and business leader.

on Fourth North. Continuing success found him moving to a Main Street location which is now occupied by the Hi-Way Motel.

The store became commonly known as "Mark's Store." Mr. Jeffs promoted the use of his own medium of exchange. He made coins of tin in various denominations which he exchanged for the hay, grain, eggs or any other produce that customers brought in. One side of the coins bore the inscription, "Mark Jeffs, October, 1897, Heber, Utah." On the other side was inscribed "Good for (the value of the coin) in merchandise." Similar coins or "scrip" as it became known was also used later at the Heber Mercantile Company.

In 1903 Mr. Jeffs was called as a missionary for the Church to England. He left Joseph A. Rasband in charge of the store and his other business interests. When he returned from England, Mr. Jeffs sold the store in a newly organized company known as the Heber Mercantile Company. He retained half interest in the new business and acted as manager for a short time and then president of the company. The new venture had a capital stock of \$15,000 when it was formed.

A new building was constructed to house the Heber Merc, and

Joseph A. Rasband became store manager. The Consolidated Wagon and Machine Company occupied space in the south end of the new building. On the upper story there were a variety of tenants. The Wasatch High School met there for several years, there were offices of professional men and the county public welfare office and the library occupied space at various times.

In 1936 an explosion in the building's furnace caused a fire that spread rapidly through the building, destroying completely the store and the library and the U.S. Forest Service office and Welfare office on the second floor. After the fire the company was reorganized and a smaller building was reconstructed. Charles DeGraff became manager of the store, which was later sold to Engman Bond. At the present time most of the building is leased by Safeway and the remaining part houses Christensen's Dry Goods Store.

In 1916, A. Hatch and Company became known as the Heber City Exchange. Managers of the store after Joseph Hatch included Ludvig Anderson, William L. Turner, John A. Anderson, Ray Mahoney and



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Heber City, Utah

Washington Day Parade, 1904. Corner of Main and Center. Heber City, Utah

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From left, Kathy Korniloff, Laurie Freeloove and Gretchen Phillips pose in New York earlier this summer.

'Two Nice Girls' are really three

NEW YORK (AP) — Four years ago in Austin, Texas, Laurie Freeloove had a plan: She wanted to meet Gretchen Phillips and start a band with her.

Around that same time, Phillips was mounting the demise of her previous group, Meat Joy, and longed to start another one. She and Freeloove met and were soon playing guitar together at coffee houses. They performed Monkees songs, rock 'n' roll, old movie tunes as well as their own material.

They called themselves Two Nice Girls.

A few months later, Freeloove and Phillips met Kathy Korniloff and were so pleased with how their voices and guitars sounded together they decided to add her to the group.

The name? Two Nice Girls.

"That was my idea," Phillips explained. "It beat the hell of out of The Jackson Five. Some friends of mine were in a band called Five Happy Days. One of them left so they changed the name to The Happiness Crew. We were called Two Nice Girls and hired somebody else, but I didn't want to change the name."

They are a major part of a Austin music scene that attracted the attention of around the country. All Nice Girls, however, grew

who was supposed to my boyfriend who I caught with another girl. I was so devastated. I went upstairs to the attic of my house with my little guitar and played my heart out."

Their debut album, "2 Nice Girls," features original songs from all three and a unique overlapping of Lou Reed's "Sweet Jane" and Joan Armatrading's "Love and Affection." The version on "2 Nice Girls" was a live performance on an Austin public radio station.

"We went on for an hour-long program called 'Live Set,'" Korniloff said. "Our friends were all invited to be in the studio and lend that live clapping air to the show."

"We tried a couple of times to record the song in the studio, but we could never recapture vocally what we did that one time. As it turned out, the station still had the master copy on two-track which they let us use. They said, 'It's your performance; we only have the tape.'"

The melodies and sweet harmonies make Two Nice Girls easy to listen to, but "My Heart Is Off," written by Phillips and Sam McKean, is a bitter song about jealousy.

"That's the power of being a songwriter," Phillips said. "I just wrote this horrible song about (President) Bush that's